IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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FOR: GENES ENCODING SULFATE ASSIMILATION PROTEINS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including June 30, 2003, is filed simultaneously herewith. Please enter the following: